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This Amendment is in response to the final Office Action dated October 31, 2007, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before January 31, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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